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<b>AMENDMENT SUMITTED CONCURRENTLY WITH REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION</b>  Address to: Mail Stop RCE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450	Attorney Docket	GUID-005CON6
	Confirmation No.	5455
	First Named Inventor	Taylor
	Application Number	10/684,557
	Filing Date	10/14/2003
	Group Art Unit	3732
	Examiner Name	Werner, Jonathon S.
	Title	Surgical Instruments and Procedures for Stabilizing the Beating Heart During Coronary Artery Bypass Graft Surgery

Sir:

This amendment is being submitted with the Request for Continued Application filed concurrently herewith, and is responsive to the Final Office Action dated April 15, 2008 for which a three-month period for response was given making this response due on or before July 15, 2008. This response is being filed together with a Petition for a one-month extension of time to extend the response date to September 4, 2008, as the shortened statutory period ended on the mailing date of the Advisory Action(August 4, 2008), since the amendment after final was filed within the two-month period ending on June 16, 2008 (June 15, 2008 being a Sunday). In view of the amendments to the claims and the remarks put forth below, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested

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